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Press Release

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

Classification:	PURSUIT OF RECKLESS DRIVER	Incident Date:	06/17/2010
Author / Date / Time:	Lt. Erickson/06-17-10/1450 hours	Incident Time:	11:05 AM

Incident Location:	Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu
C/P Location:	None

Victim(s):		Suspect(s):	Juan Quijas, MH/35
			Los Angeles

Narrative:

A reckless, DUI (driving under the influence) suspect led Malibu Sheriff's deputies on a 6-minute pursuit on Pacific Coast Highway until a well-placed spike strip caused the 35-year old driver to surrender. The pursuit began at 11:05 AM near Paradise Cove and eastbound Pacific Coast Highway and ended near the Pepperdine University campus. The driver of the 2001 Honda Civic veered into on-coming traffic and nearly hit numerous parked cars as he reached speeds up to 50 m.p.h. along Pacific Coast Highway. Although he would stop for some traffic signals, he would not respond to the flashing lights and sirens of the deputy's patrol cars as he continued to drive in an erratic and dangerous manner. The suspect eluded the first attempt by deputies as they laid down a spike strip, but he failed to negotiate a second spike strip, which flattened all four tires on his vehicle. The suspect pulled over and surrendered to the pursuing deputies at the intersection of John Tyler Drive and Pacific Coast Highway.

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Deputies discovered a handgun, drugs, and what they first thought to be stolen items in the suspect's car. The suspected stolen items later turned out to be personal property of the suspect's friend who lives in the Malibu area.

The suspect seemed dazed and under the influence of a controlled substance as he staggered out of the car and into the custody of the pursuing deputies. Following medical observation at a nearby hospital, the suspect was booked at Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff' Station for:

Driving Under the Influence
Evading
Felon in Possession of a Firearm
Possession of an Unregistered Firearm
Possession of Hashish

Bail has not yet been set as the booking process is still in progress. Fortunately, no one was injured and there was no property damage as a result of the pursuit.

UPDATE: Friday, June 19, 2010

The bail for suspect Juan Quijas was set at \$75,000 on his open charges, plus a \$30,000 warrant, bringing his total bail to \$105,000.

(A digital booking photo of Juan Quijas is also attached with this update.)